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Title of Invention APPLIANCE FOR VACUUM SEALING FOOD CONTAINERS			

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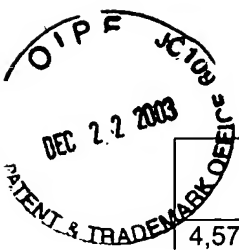
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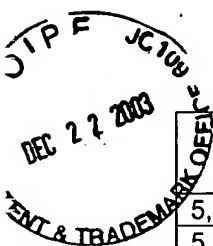
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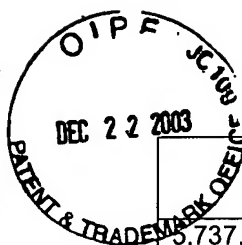
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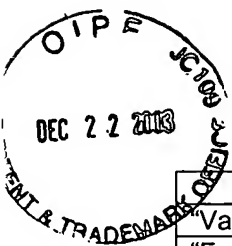


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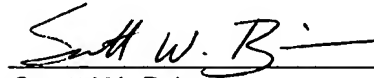
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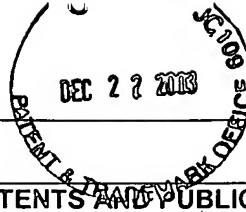
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	A157	3,958,693	05/25/76	Greene		
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	A159	3,968,897	07/13/76	Rodgers		
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	A168	4,024,692	05/24/77	Young et al.		
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	A170	4,051,971	10/04/77	Saleri et al.		
	A171	4,051,975	10/04/77	Ohgida et al.		
	A172	4,054,044	10/18/77	Wareing et al.		
	A173	4,055,672	10/25/77	Hirsch et al.		
	A174	4,076,121	02/28/78	Clayton et al.		
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	A177	4,103,801	08/01/78	Walker		
	A178	4,104,404	08/01/78	Bieler et al.		
	A179	4,115,182	09/19/78	Wildmoser		
	A180	4,132,048	01/02/79	Day		
	A181	4,132,594	01/02/79	Bank et al.		
	A182	Des. 250,871	01/23/79	Taylor		
	A183	4,149,650	04/17/79	Whelchel et al.		
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	A188	4,164,111	08/14/79	Di Bernardo		
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	A212	4,329,568	05/11/82	Rocher et al.		
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	A215	4,351,192	09/28/82	Toda et al.		
	A216	4,355,494	10/26/82	Tilman		
	A217	4,372,096	02/08/83	Baum		
	A218	4,376,147	03/08/83	Byrne et al.		
	A219	4,378,266	03/29/83	Gerken		
	A220	4,401,256	08/30/83	Krieg		
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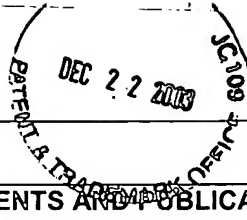
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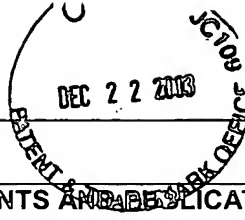
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	A276	4,691,836	09/08/87	Wassilieff		
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	A278	4,702,376	10/27/87	Pagliaro		
	A279	4,709,400	11/24/87	Bruno		
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	A281	4,725,700	02/16/88	Zolundow		
	A282	4,729,476	03/08/88	Lulham et al.		
	A283	4,733,040	03/22/88	Pelloni et al.		
	A284	4,739,664	04/26/88	Hetrick		
	A285	4,744,936	05/17/88	Bittner, Jr.		
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	A287	4,756,140	07/12/88	Gannon		
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	A290	Des. 297,307	08/23/88	Gerber		
	A291	4,765,125	08/23/88	Fafournoux		
	A292	4,778,956	10/18/88	Betterton et al.		
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	A295	4,810,451	03/07/89	Ermert et al.		
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	A298	4,845,927	07/11/89	Rapparini		
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	A330	Des. 326,391	05/26/92	Verchere		
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